

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the second paragraph, beginning on page 1 line 2, with the following new paragraph:

### **--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/472,295 filed September 18, 2003, now United States Patent No.: 7,101,372, which issued on September 5, 2006, which claims priority to PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US01/11340 filed April 6, 2001 entitled "VESSEL SEALER AND DIVIDER" by Dycus et al., the entire contents of this application being incorporated by reference herein.--